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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Kenji Nagoya et al.  
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MEDIUM STORING PROGRAMS FOR CONTROLLING THE  
APPARATUS  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this Amendment.

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